GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
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Disabled Friendly Toilets
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of disabled-friendly toilets constructed/being constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), so far;

(b) whether such toilets are compulsorily constructed in the areas where disabled people reside/live and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study to ensure the use of such toilets as there have been reports that the constructed toilets in many cases are either being diverted for other purposes or remain unused because of problems like the pit size being small, the septic tank not being built, lack of proper supply of water, etc. and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): As per the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) Guidelines, all Community Toilets (CT) and Public Toilets (PT) must have disabled friendly toilets, irrespective of whether any disabled people reside/live in the vicinity of the toilets or not.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (M/oHUA) has not received any reports of diversion of constructed toilets for other purposes or remain unused because of problems like the pit size being small, the septic tank not being built, lack of proper supply of water,

etc. As per the SBM (U) Guidelines, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) have to ensure that all toilets constructed under the Mission are built in tandem with water supply arrangements and consist of toilet sub-structure like on-site treatment system, or connection to underground sewerage/ septage system. It is the responsibility of the States/Urban Territories (UTs) to operate and maintain the community toilets constructed in the city/town and also to ensure the use of disabled friendly toilets by them.

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